

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on March 5, 2010, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8-9, 13, 15-16 and 20-26 are pending in this application, where claims 1, 6, 13 and 23 are independent.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1, 6, 13 have been amended for better clarity.

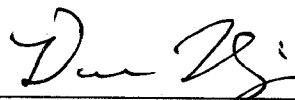
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 3, 6, 8-9, 13, 15-16 and 20-22. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1, 3, 6, 8-9, 13, 15-16 and 20-22 are allowed. By means of the present amendment, independent claim 23 has been amended to include features similar to that of allowed independent claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 23 is allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 24-26 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claim 23.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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